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Dig. § 242 (7); Principal and Agent, Cent. Dig. § 40; Dec. Dig. § 22 (2).* 1 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 248.]

5. Evidence (§ 119 (3)*)—Res Gestæ.—Where the communication, on which an action for insulting words is based grew out of the occupancy by plaintiff and his wife of defendant's farm, on her request that they should occupy and manage it, in her absence, a letter of plaintiff's wife to defendant in reply to one to her, telling her not to have certain persons visit her at the farm, is admissible as part of the res gestæ.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Evidence, Cent. Dig. §§ 305, 306; Dec. Dig. § 119 (3).* 11 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 910.]

6. Appeal and Error (§ 690 (4)*)—Record—Questions Reviewable—Absence of Evidence.—An assignment of error to a ruling, admitting evidence to show exercise of authority, cannot be considered; the bill of exceptions on which the assignment is based containing no evidence showing such exercise of authority.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Appeal and Error, Cent. Dig. § 2899; Dec. Dig. § 690 (4).* 1 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 546.]

7. Libel and Slander (§ 120 (1)*)—Insulting Words—Punitive Damages.—Plaintiff, in an action under Code 1904, § 2897, for insulting words, may be given punitive damages, though he prove no actual pecuniary loss, and admits that he was not, by the letter complained of, injured or damaged in his reputation among his neighbors.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Libel and Slander, Cent. Dig. § 350; Dec. Dig. § 120 (1).* 9 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 283.]

8. Libel and Slander (§ 121 (1)*)—Insulting Words—Excessive Damages.—Under the evidence in an action under Code 1904, § 2897, for insulting words, held a verdict for \$2,500 could not be said to be excessive.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see Libel and Slander, Cent. Dig. § 353; Dec. Dig. § 121 (1).* 9 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 280.]

Error to Circuit Court, Charles City County.

Action by Hugh T. Harrison against Mrs. Clarise H. Ramsay. Judgment for plaintiff, and defendant brings error. Affirmed.

SINCLAIR v. FAIRFAX.

June 8, 1916,

[89 S. E. 1070.]

Appeal and Error—Necessity of Exception in Lower Court.—No informality in the record can be taken advantage of unless excepted to. [Ed. Note.—For other cases see 1 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 552.]

^{*}For other cases see same topic and KEY-NUMBER in all Key-Numbered Digests and Indexes.

Error to Circuit Court of City of Alexandria.

Action by E. L. Sinclair against Milton S. Fairfax, doing business as Fairfax & Co. Judgment for defendant, and plaintiff brings error. Affirmed.

- J. Donald Richards and William Horgan, both of Warrenton, for plaintiff in error.
 S. G. Brent, of Alexandria, for defendant in error.